

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS P. O. BOX 17300 FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

February 11, 2005

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BENBROOK LAKE EAGLE MOUNTAIN CONNECTION EASEMENT BENBROOK LAKE, TEXAS

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer, Fort Worth District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed easement for the Eagle Mountain Connection at Benbrook Lake, Texas.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

Background. An EA and draft FONSI for the proposed action were prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The purpose of the EA is to identify and evaluate the environmental aspects of implementing the proposed action in accordance with NEPA.

Proposed Action. The proposed action is for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to grant a 90-foot easement to Tarrant Regional Water District so that they can construct a portion of their proposed project on Federal property. The other actions considered in the EA include the no action alternative and one other alternate route. The easement would include an easement for a 96-inch pipeline and a booster pump station facility with water tanks. The easement would also be wide enough to include an additional 96-inch pipeline in the future.

Public Hearing. A public hearing has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a hearing.

Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the Benbrook Lake Eagle Mountain Connection Easement, Benbrook Lake, Texas. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website www.swf.usace.army.mil or at the following addresses:

Benbrook Public Library 1065 Mercedes Street Benbrook, Texas 76126 817-249-6632

Benbrook Lake Office 7001 Lakeside Fort Worth, Texas 76132 817-292-2400

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is 30 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Rob Newman, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Rob.Newman@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the EA and draft FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1762.

Chief, Planning, Environmental,
And Regulatory Division

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To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the Benbrook Lake Eagle Mountain Connection Easement. Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Availability, Environmental Assessment, and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the project per your request.

The Public has an opportunity to review the document for thirty days from the date on the Notice of Availability. To ensure that the public has a chance to review the document, please keep a copy of this document until April, 1 2005, and make it available to the public at their request.

Thank you for you cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Rob Newman at 817-886-1762.

Sincerely,

William Fickel, Jr.

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Regulatory Division

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM THRU CESWF-PER-E CESWF-PER

FOR CESWF-OD-BB (Murphy)

SUBJECT: Benbrook Eagle Mountain Connection EA

- 1. Reference enclosed copy of the Notice of Availability, Environmental Assessment, and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Implementation of the project.
- 2. The public has an opportunity to review the document for thirty days from the date on the Notice of Availability. To ensure that the public has a chance to review the document, please keep this document until 01 April 2005, and make it available to the public at their request.
- 3. Thank you for you cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rob Newman at (817) 886-1762.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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WILLIAM FICKEL, JR. Chief, Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division

> Mr. Newman/6-1762 PAXTON, CESWF-PER-EE HARBERG, CESWF-PER-EM FICKEL, CESWF-PERM.